



**MontCAS**  
**Montana Comprehensive Assessment**  
**System**  
**April 2005 Newsletter**

**Districts and Schools to Receive Test Results**

MontCAS Phase 1 and Phase 2 test results will be shipped by the testing contractors, Riverside Publishing Company and Measured Progress, Inc.

**MontCAS, Phase 1--the Norm Referenced Test (NRT--the Iowa Tests)**

- Riverside will send the results in two shipments.
  - The first shipment includes district, school, and class summaries, list reports, and student reports. These are shipped to districts within 15 days after Riverside receives the student answer documents from a district. Districts are urged to examine the reports and contact Riverside within 10 days of receipt if there are any problems or questions.
  - The second shipment includes the Customized Skills Reports. These will be shipped in mid-June.
- The 2005 *Interpretive Guide* will be included in the first shipment.

**MontCAS, Phase 2--the Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT)**

- Measured Progress will ship the reports. Districts should expect to receive the reports by June 5. The shipment will include the paper reports, an interpretive guide for reading the reports, and directions and access information for *iAnalyze*, the data management software.

## MontCAS, Spring 2005--Reading the Reports

The video broadcast of “Reading the Spring 2005 MontCAS Reports” will be May 19 from 9 a.m. through noon at twenty sites across the state. Detailed information about the sites is on the following page.

- Thursday, May 19, 2005
- 9 a.m. - noon
- Online registration
  - Opens on April 26 and closes by site when a site is full. All sites will close at 5 p.m. on May 16.
  - <http://www.opi.state.mt.us/regforms/05MontCAS/>
  - Limited to two people from a district
  - NOTE: If a site is in your school, please register. If there are no registrants for a site by 5 p.m. on May 16, the site will be cancelled.
  - Registration confirmations--The following describes the two steps confirming your registration. Please print both and save the paper copies for your reference. There will be no further confirmations.
    - Once you submit your online registration, you will see an on screen confirmation. Please print it.
    - The email address you submit with your registration will receive an automatic registration confirmation. Please print it.
- Agenda
  - Phase 2, CRT
    - CRT and CRT-Alternate Paper Reports
    - CRT and CRT-Alternate Interpretive Guide
    - *iAnalyze* Update
  - Phase 1, NRT
    - Iowa Tests Reports
    - Iowa Tests Interpretive Guide
- Materials needed--**Links for these files will be e-mailed on May 16**
  - *2005 CRT and CRT-Alternate Interpretive Guide*--Online by May 16
  - *2005 iAnalyze Guide* - Online by May 16
  - *2005 Iowa Tests Interpretive Guide* - Online by May 16
  - *2005 Reading the Reports* Power point--Online by May 16
- Who should attend?
  - Test coordinators and others who will be explaining the reports to district and school staff and to the public
  - Please limit the number attending to two from each district.

City	Site	Address	Parking	Capacity
Billings	Billings MSU	214 North Broadway; 1st Floor Conference Room	Use downtown parking garages. The site will validate parking stubs	24
Bozeman	MSU, EPS Building, Burns Center	So. 7 <sup>th</sup> and Grant Room 126	Pay lot across the street at the corner of S. 7th and Grant	30
Browning	Browning High School	112 First Ave. S. W. -- Room 125	Free parking on-site	25
Butte	Montana Tech,	1300 West Park Street ELCB, Room 231	Visitor and decal parking are available near the site. If you can't find a visitor spot, park in a decal one. If you get a ticket, call the site coordinator, Cookie Sheehan, 406-496-4242.	36
Colstrip	Colstrip Medical Center	6230 Main Street	Free parking on-site	10
Dillon	UM--Western	710 South Atlantic. Library, Montana Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	Free parking on-site	35
Eureka	High School	340 9 <sup>th</sup> Street East	Free parking on-site	25
Glasgow	Glasgow High School	1 Scottie Pride Drive	Free parking on-site	18
Great Falls	MSU College of Technology--Great Falls	2100 16 <sup>th</sup> Ave. South, Room B133	Free parking on-site	24
Havre	MSU--Northern Hagner Science Center, Room 202	300 11 <sup>th</sup> Street West	Free parking at site except when marked as reserved	18
Helena--Site 1	Department of Public Health and Human Services	111 Sanders Street-Lower Level Auditorium Stage	Free parking at site in lot behind building.	16
Helena--Site 2	Helena College of Technology	1115 Sanders Street, Room 209	Free parking on-site	15
Kalispell	Flathead Valley Community College	777 Grandview Drive, Learning Resource Center, Room 120	Free parking on-site	22
Lewistown	Central Montana Medical Center	408 Wendell, Conference Room 1	Free parking on-site	50
Libby	Libby School District Central Office	724 Louisiana Av (across from McDonalds) Board Room	Free parking on-site	20
Malta	Malta High School	S. 9 <sup>th</sup> Street West	Free parking on-site	16
Miles City	Miles City Health Center	620 S. Haynes	Free parking on-site	15
Missoula	University of Montana	Gallagher Bldg., Room 104	Pay Lot	30
Sidney	Sidney Health Center	216 14 <sup>th</sup> Avenue SW	Free parking on-site	40
St. Regis	St. Regis Schools	6 Tiger Street	Free parking on-site	13

## Sharing *JUMP*

When you receive the monthly link to *JUMP*, please share it with your staff. Thank you.

## Spring 2006 MontCAS Testing Windows

Feb. 13 - March 29	Phase 2, CRT-Alternate	Grades 3-8 and 10 Reading and Math
March 6 - March 29	Phase 2, CRT	Grades 3-8 and 10 Reading and Math
March 22 - April 12	Phase 1, NRT and NRT Alternate Assessment Scales	Grades 4, 8, 11 Language Arts, Reading, Math, Social Studies, and Science
The required NAEP tests in reading and math in grades 4 and 8 will not be administered in 2006. Those tests are administered in odd years. The next administration of the required NAEP reading and math in grades 4 and 8 will be in 2007.		

## Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT) Field Test in Grades 3, 5, 6, and 7

Measured Progress reports excellent response from schools that volunteered to participate in the spring 2005 Progress Towards Standards (PTS) field test of reading and math items for grades 3, 5, 6, and 7. The field tested item results will provide a bank of items for the CRT that will be given to Montana students in the spring of 2006. We are pleased that a sufficient number of schools volunteered to participate in the field test to provide a representative sample of Montana's school population.

All schools that volunteered have been notified regarding their selection status. Selected schools will continue to receive details and instructions from Measured Progress.

If you need additional information, please contact Tami Provost at Measured Progress, 1-800-431-8901 x 2247 or [tprovost@measuredprogress.org](mailto:tprovost@measuredprogress.org)

## CRT Released Items Training

Workshops on classroom use of the released items and released item data (including use of the data management program *iAnalyze*) from the spring 2004 and 2005 Criterion-Referenced Test will be offered by the OPI after districts receive the results of the 2005 CRT.

If your district or school would like to host a workshop, please contact Clare Bridge at the Office of Public Instruction, 406-444-4431 or [cbridge@mt.gov](mailto:cbridge@mt.gov). If teachers from your district would like to attend a workshop, please contact Clare also.

Hosting a workshop involves providing space, a computer with a projector, and an internet connection. The host district determines the time and place.

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